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Stricter night curfew in city from tomorrow

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda

Most of the streets in the Central Business District of Mysuru city wore a deserted look this morning. Probably because of the Government announcement that Sunday curfew is back or due to COVID-19 scare, people, including businessmen preferred to stay at homes. This pomegranate pushcart seems to have been abandoned by its vendor at Santhepet to take shelter from light showers.

Mysuru, June 28 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police is fully geared up to enforce daily night curfew from June 29 (tomorrow) and the Sunday full lockdown (from July 5) as decided and directed by the State Government. The measures will resemble the first phase of lockdown that was imposed in March-April, complete with barricading and Police patrol. This is to deter people coming out of their homes between 8 pm to 5 am.

The Karnataka Government yesterday decided to re-impose Sunday curfews in a bid to contain the transmission of the Novel Coronavirus.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa announced that Sunday curfews, beginning July 5. "No activities shall be permitted except essential services and supplies," he said. The Government also decided to extend the timing of night curfew (from 9 pm to 5 am) to 8 pm to 5 am with effect from June 29.

Besides, all Government offices shall remain closed on all Saturdays from July 10.

(See CURFEW on page 6)

ANNOUNCEMENT

STAR OF MYSORE

will resume printing the newspaper from Thursday, 2nd July 2020

Due to Coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown notified by the Government, we had temporarily stopped the print edition of *Star of Mysore*.

Now that the Government has lifted the lockdown, we have decided to begin the print edition of *Star of Mysore* newspaper with effect from Thursday, 2nd July 2020.

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— Management,
Academy Newspapers Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru

CM to virtually open Mysuru's first COVID-19 private testing lab at JSS

Mysuru, June 28 (PM,BNR&BCT)- Mysuru's first private COVID-19 Testing Lab set up by JSS Medical College at JSS Hospital will be inaugurated online by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at 10.30 am tomorrow (June 29). This advanced laboratory will add to the existing laboratories that are testing samples round the clock.

At present, only the state-of-the-art Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology in Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (K.R. Hospital) has been authorised to test COVID-19 samples.

This apart, "PARAKH- a Mobile Microbial Containment (BSL-3) Laboratory" developed by Defence Food Research Laboratory which has been stationed at the K.R. Hospital premises too tests samples.

Also, the District Administration is looking at establishing one more laboratory at Government Ayurveda and Panchakarma Hospital on KRS Road where CFTRI has come forward to set up an advanced facility.

The COVID-19 testing lab at JSS has been approved by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) as NABL has the authority to approve private labs.

The online launch programme will be telecast live on *https://www.youtube.com/channel/*

(See LAB on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 28th June 2020

PESCE - Mandya secures 147th Rank in NIRF-2020

Mysuru, June 28- PES College of Engineering (PESCE), Mandya, has secured 147th Rank at National-level in Ministry of Human Resource Development's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-2020 among engineering institutions as announced by HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal on June 11.

It may be mentioned here that the College had secured 161st rank in NIRF-2019 and improved the ranking position by 15 places.

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is a methodology adopted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, to rank institutions of higher education in India. The Framework was approved by the MHRD and launched by HRD Minister in the year 2015.

NIRF parameters for the Process of Ranking broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity" and "Perception."

Out of the nearly 10,000 engineering institutions in India, about 1,071 institutions are eligible for NIRF rankings-2020. Out of which only top 200 institutions are listed by MHRD under NIRF rankings. Out of 200 rankings, 21 (23 in NIRF-2019) Colleges from Karnataka are listed and in that PESCE, Mandya, stands in 17th (18th in NIRF-2019) place. Another achievement is that in the Overall Ranking (includes Engineering and Management Colleges) group, PESCE has placed in the rank band of 151-200 at the National-level.

The College has been accorded the reward of 'Extension of Autonomous status up to 2023-24' and 'Grant of Permanent affiliation to UG courses up to 2024-25.' The College is also accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and NBA (many programme). The College has successfully implemented 'Technical Education Improvement Programme (TEQIP – II)' of the World Bank & MHRD and presently implementing TEQIP-III programme. The College is effectively mentoring 'Uma Nath Singh Institute of Engineering and Technology' of Uttar Pradesh, according to a press release from PESCE Principal Dr. H.V. Ravindra.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GO FAIR AND UNLOVELY GO: ***Not only has the #BlackLivesMatter movement in the US found support in several other countries including India, it has also sparked conversations about racism in several other contexts. How racism in India compares to racism in the US is of course a matter of endless debate. But certain behaviours here have certainly come into international limelight as quite questionable.***

One of these is the obsession with complexion and the social hierarchies coded therein. Megastar Shah Rukh Khan's more than a decade old endorsement of men's skin-lightening cream Fair and Handsome has come into focus, as an example of influential campaigns that entrench discrimination based on skin colour.

Against this backdrop it is both notable and welcome that Hindustan Unilever (HUL) has decided to drop the word 'fair' from its four-decade-old skincare brand 'Fair and Lovely', whose sales comprise 40 percent of the sales in the face care category in India. The renaming of a face cream does not amount to an end to colourism. But for sure it signals a cultural shift, about what is less and less acceptable in society. Indians have been buying this product since the seventies. Finally perhaps many of us are ready to ditch the internalised racism it represents. There is beauty in every skin colour. To recognise that is to be healthier and happier and fairer.

— The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Flashy-painted fish that looks like it belongs to 'Avatar'

Tokyo: Photos of a vibrantly-coloured fish that looks too flashy to be real have gone viral on Japanese social media, prompting many to ask if it was the result of too much digital editing. It looked like that the flashy -painted fish come right out of the movie 'Avatar.'

Popular YouTube channel Fishing Gang Azusa took to Twitter to post a very intriguing picture of their latest catch – a flashy fish that almost looked painted. People started asking if it was real or just a case of too much Photoshop, but it wasn't before Azusa posted a video on YouTube of them catching the fish that the photos went viral. The footage shows the alien-looking fish in all its splendour, leaving many viewers with their mouths wide open at the thought that such a creature actually exists.

Grandpa on Pokemon hunt straps 64 smartphones to bike

Taipei: A 70-year-old Taiwanese pensioner has taken his passion for the mobile game to new heights, with a whopping 64 phones attached to his bike to hunt Pokemon.

The photos of Chen Sanyuan had gone viral in August 2018, after photos of him taken by passers-by in Taipei City had gone viral. It was easy to see why photos of the pensioner were getting so much attention – here was this old man riding his bicycle around town with multiple smartphones hooked on to the handlebars. Chen was approached by Taiwanese gaming website EXP.GG and he explained that he had come up with the bizarre setup so he could operate multiple Pokemon GO accounts at the same time. He had fallen in love with Niantic's hit game after being introduced to it by his grandson, and now couldn't get enough.

To draw guests, hotels primp up with hygiene promises, discounts

Mysuru, June 28 (MK,SD & BCT)- Hotels and hotel chains are among the worst hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the lockdown is lifted, the biggest challenge facing hospitality companies is how to get paranoid customers to walk in through their doors.

Cash-strapped and bruised by the prolonged lockdown, many hotels in Mysuru are coming up with new campaigns to convince guests that their properties are safe zones and COVID-19 protocol-compliant. Standard operating procedures have undergone radical changes, especially when it comes to guest check-in and back-of-the-house operations.

Despite rule relaxation, hotels and restaurants are reporting thin attendance now and in an effort to compensate for heavy losses, hotels including Hotel Grand Mercure, Pai Vista, Hotel Roopa, Rio Meridian, Country Inn & Suites and others are offering attractive discounts to lure customers.

Most of these hotels are providing a range of offers including 10 to 20 percent discount on room bookings, food and beverages. Special discounts have been announced for mass gatherings and ceremonies such as marriages and birthday parties.

Special guest packages

Some major hotels have announced special packages for all social events which would include party hall, welcome drink, safety measures such as masks and sanitising, music, wedding cake, breakfast, lunch and dinner together with room services.

Corona Warriors would get an additional discount of up to 20 to 30 percent for these services. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Hotel Grand Mercure Sales Manager Suhas Hosamani said, "All Corona Warriors have to do is just show their ID cards. We will give special discounts to them."

'Go Safe' logo

While booking rooms online, some hotels are displaying 'Go Safe' logo on their websites, which would mean that all the rooms, kitchen and hotel surroundings are sanitised to prevent the spread of infection and contamination. Hotel Rio Meridian General Manager Ashok said "In view of customer safety, we are training our hotel employees about social distancing, hygiene, sanitisation as well as safety norms to be followed while dealing with customers."

Most of these hotels and restaurants are also using social media including Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter to promote their business activities and make customers aware of their efforts that are being taken in post-lockdown period and pandemic. Some of them are even posting videos showcasing daily activities in their hotels in an effort to convince the customers.

Minimising contact

Safety measures at hotels are focussed on identifying key areas where the guest comes in contact with other people and minimise that contact. Every hotel has identified over 200 touchpoints where they feel that they can make significant changes to meet the new health and safety challenges presented by the current environment.

The touchpoints include elevator buttons, handrails, linen in rooms, restaurants and even the pens in front desk, which after each use will be sanitised.

20 to 30 percent discounts

"We are offering 20 percent discounts to all our customers. There are special packages for birthday parties, naming ceremonies and marriages. We are taking all necessary safety precautions including usage of sanitisers and free distribution of masks," said Ashok, General Manager, Hotel Rio Meridian.

"In an effort to make up for losses brought on by lockdown period and convince our customers about their safety, most of the hotels are offering discounts of up to 30 percent. They have announced special packages for room bookings and party halls," said C. Narayana Gowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association.

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Jacob: ***Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses to school?***

Leonard: ***Why?***

Jacob: ***She had bright students!***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.63
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.31
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.59
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.84

VOICE OF THE READER

COVID impact on education system

Sir,

In addition to giving a strong blow to the economy, COVID-19 is collapsing health, knowledge and education system of our future citizens. Now the Government is in a dilemma to re-open or otherwise the educational institutions with the fear of further outbreak. At the same time, keeping schools closed for long makes the children lazy deviating them from studies.

All parents cannot afford either individual smartphones or laptops to all the children of their respective families with 2 GB data packs per day, which is highly insufficient for online classes without required towers and stable networks outside city limits.

If everything is congenial there is every chance that the young students may get addicted to mobiles. It is advisable to use the present 10 and odd Kannada channels for this genuine education purpose at different stipulated timings with repetition for different standards which will definitely reach each and every student in their own safe homes itself, helps in updating the knowledge of parents to a great extent who can also help the students in turn.

Kannada 'Chandana' channel is most ideal and handy since it is free of cost touching every nook and corner of the entire State. At the end of the classes a phone number may be given for student's interactions/clarifications or doubts if any with the concerned teachers.

— Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
on e-mail

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NCC Girl Cadets stitch masks, handover to Mysuru DC

Mysuru, June 28- With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to harrow everyone, especially the frontline workers tasked to mitigate the crisis, in a commendable gesture worthy of emulation, NCC Girl Cadets from Mysuru had come forward with the initiative of locally stitched high quality pleated cotton face masks for District authorities.

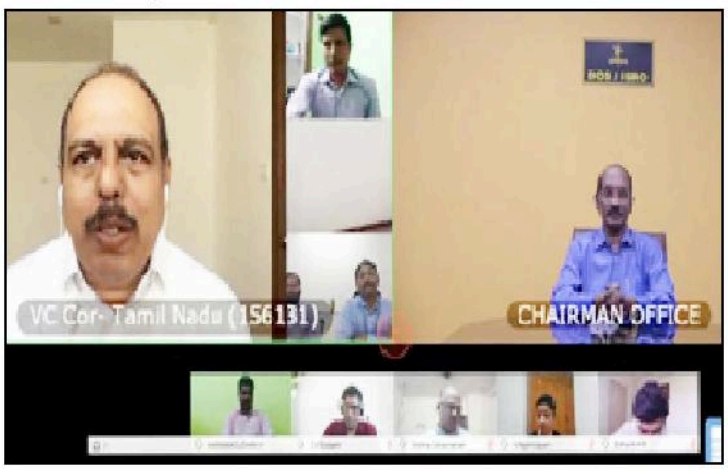
On May 13, the first lot of masks was handed over to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar. The work didn't stop here; the Cadets and Girl Cadet Instructors continue to stitch masks to contribute to the needy wherever required.

As per PMO's directions for 'Mask India Movement', 3 Karnataka Girls Battalion NCC, Mysuru, took the initiative of stitching masks. It started when a Cadet Kalpana made masks at her home for people from her native village. And more Cadets named Cdt Sowjanya, Cdt Divya Kumari, Cdt Ananya R. Shetty, Cdt A. Pooja, Cdt Ranjitha and Cdt Deeksha, along with the lady instructors of the Battalion GCI K. Divya Suresh, GCI Lekshmi Das, GCI K.P. Divya, all from Mysuru, have joined the effort.

With the aim to contribute to society, the second lot of 1,200 masks have been handed over to the DC at the Regional Commissioner's Conference Hall.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

'IN-SPACe' can curb brain drain, boost potential, says ISRO Chairman



Chennai, June 28 (Agencies)- In a major reform in India's space arena, the private sector will now be allowed to carry out space activities like building of rockets, satellites and providing launch services, Indian Space Research Organisation Chief K. Sivan said

Terming this a major reform set to unlock India's potential, Sivan said the private sector can also be part of the inter-planetary missions of the ISRO. The Union Cabinet has recently approved participation of the private sector in the entire range of space activities, including planetary exploration missions.

Addressing journalists through a virtual press conference in Chennai yesterday, Dr. Sivan said, "As part of reforms approved by the Cabinet, the newly formed Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), will act as an arm of ISRO. This will allow private companies to participate in the country's space programmes and free up the ISRO to focus more on its own research and development activities with available new technologies."

"IN-SPACe will help curb brain drain. The manpower with ISRO was just a miniscule of talent India produces. Thousands of engineers pass out each year and many migrate to other countries due to limited opportunities within the country," he said.

Later, Dr. Sivan thanked Press Information Bureau for organising virtual press conference amidst the COVID crisis. S. Venkateshwar, who is the Director General (South) of Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, welcomed Dr. Sivan and other press persons present at the press conference which was held for over an hour.

Former Assistant Editor of 'The Hindu' T.S. Subramanian who is also a nuclear science expert and a number of other notable media representatives were also present at the conference.

MCC Zone-4 observes Mask Day

Mask Day was observed by Zone-4 of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) by taking out an awareness rally and by distributing masks for free. Corporators SBM Manju, Bhagya Madesh, Vedavathi Ravindra, Zone-4 Assistant Commissioner Priyadarshini, DO Yoganand, ARO Satish Prasad, Zone Engineers, Health Inspectors, Revenue Inspectors and all staff took part in the programme.

Lions Siri and Spandana provide masks to students

Lions Club of Mysore Siri & Lions Club of Mysore Spandana, on June 23, handed over 1,000 face masks and 100 hand gloves to Mysuru Taluk Block Education Officer (BEO) Krishna to help students who are appearing for SSLC exams. Nodal Officer Shobha, BRC Mahadeva, Lion Siri Balu, Lion Shobha Siri Balu, Lion Dharmaraj, Lion Prakash, Lion Puttaraju, Lion Shankara Raju, Lion Shivashankar and Sirima were present on the occasion.

Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head,
Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore

Shamba Joshi – A Unique Kannada Scholar

Shankara Baladikshita Joshi (1896 – 1991) was one of the greatest scholars who delved deep into the prehistory of Kannada language. At a time when the antiquity of Kannada and its environs were not clear, Joshi chose this difficult aspect of Kannada language as his main interest.

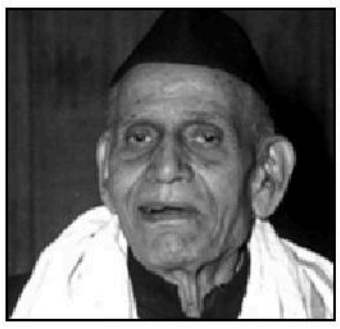
In the bargain he also discussed the meanings of different forms of the word Karnataka by which form it was known to our ancient people. These are difficult paths to choose and scholars dreaded to enter into it. But like a lone ranger, Shamba went deep into it and became successful and won the admiration and respect from scholars. As this is not a popular ad eye-catching field of study, Shamba is known only to scholars and not to masses.

Shamba Joshi as he is popularly known was born on 4-01-1896 in a small village Gurlahosur in Savadatti taluk of Belgaum district. This village is not in existence now as it was submerged under the waters of Malaprabha. In the floods, his house was also washed away and hence the family shifted to Poona, the place of his grandmother. It gave him an opportunity to meet Lokamanya Tilak and he became a freedom fighter.

After some time, he returned to Dharwad and became a trained Kannada teacher and got a job in Chikkodi. When Gandhiji visited Chikkodi, he enlisted himself as a volunteer, and began wearing Khadi. For this act, the government began harassing him and consequently he left the job. He became Secretary of the Karnataka Unification movement in 1924. He was arrested and was sent to jail for six months. Subsequently, he joined as a teacher and worked from 1928 to 1946, and finally he retired.

Origins of Kannada

When he was participating in the Karnataka unification movement, he acquainted himself with Alur Venkata Rao's book 'Karnataka Gathavaibhavagalu'. He was inspired by this book to go deeper into the antiquity of Kannada and Karnataka. His main questions



were: What is the meaning of the words Kannada and Karnataka? When did they come into existence? Who were the people who lived in Kannada land? Where did they come from? Did the mention of Cauvery, Godavari in Kavirajamarga has any historical basis? These questions came to his mind. He dedicated himself to find out the answers to these questions throughout his lifetime and enriched the Kannada language. As a prelude to his research, he wrote a book Kanmareyada Kannada (disappeared Kannada) and identified Narmada – Godavari region as the original Karnataka, which in course of time was lost to Kannadigas. Most scholars have agreed with his opinion. Thus, he laid firm foundations for the study of a wider Karnataka, than what we have today.

Marathi and Marahatti

Another startling discovery he made was about Maharashtra. He made it clear that Marathi is of recent origin as compared to Kannada. Marathi is Marahatti which means people who worshipped the goddess tree. Hatti is a Kannada word and obviously people who lived in Karnataka area from the Vedic age were these people of prehistoric character. Thus they are the original dwellers of this area up to Narmada and migrated to that area in later periods, and became known as Marathis. It is very interesting to note that some of the Marathi scholars have agreed with this opinion of Shamba Joshi.

Shamba always goes to the root of the problems to understand their significance. In fact, he has written a book on old habits or traditions with historical leanings. Look at this humorous example, Stitching needle had not yet been discovered and the ancient Brahmanas used only unstitched clothes like dhoti. Even images of gods and goddesses were made to wear the unstitched clothes. But when the needle was discovered, they did not use the stitched clothes and looked at them as un-Indian and non-traditional and never used them even in their day-to-day life also. Thus he ridicules this practice which has no meaning.

Character of gods and goddesses

Shamba has also discussed the antiquity and character of gods and goddesses such as Shiva, Krishna, Vittala, Hanuman and others. He considers Shiva as Non-Aryan and Pre-Aryan and considers him as a pro-Kannada God. Virasaivism is the culmination of Saivism of the early period. He feels that the existence of number of Shiva temples in Karnataka should be traced to the origin itself. He further feels that god Vittala is a Kannada deity and this culminated itself in the temple at Pandharapura. Kanhadaho Vittala means Vittala is a Kannada deity. Most scholars have accepted this opinion, though Pandharapura is situated in Maharashtra now. He strongly feels that Hanuman is again a Karnataka deity.

He has also discussed the factors responsible for the place names. Another pet subject of Shamba is Halumatha (Caste called Halu, may be the people who rear the cows). He makes them responsible for the pre-Aryan culture of Karnataka.

Shamba's magnum opus

Shamba's magnum opus is 'Karnataka Samskritiya Poorvapithike' which won him the central Sahitya Academy Award. I had the good fortune of meeting Shamba twice. In fact, I had reviewed his book Poorvapithike at the instance of Dr. Mallepuram Venkatesh, now the VC of Sanskrit University. I had pointed out one flaw in his methodology namely his weakness in prehistoric archaeology. When I pointed out this to him, he said 'young Professor! Archaeologist is a like a magician who brings out ancient relics from the earth. But a man of literature cannot do it'. How true it is. Shamba's books read like books on metaphysics and hence difficult to digest. That is his strength and weakness too.

Only 150 passengers each side in Mysuru-Bengaluru train

Mysuru, June 28 (RK&DM)- Even a week after the South Western Railway (SWR) introduced Mysuru-Bengaluru-Mysuru daily morning special train (on June 22 from Mysuru), following relaxation in COVID-19 lockdown curbs, the train is witnessing poor response from commuters with just about 150 passengers (each side).

The train, which is similar to that of the popular Chamundi Express in the pre-lockdown days, leaves Mysuru City Railway Station at 6.45 am and reaches KSR Bengaluru (SBC-South Bangalore City) at 9.35 am. The train has stops at Srirangapatna, Pandavapura, Mandya, Maddur, Channapattana, Ramanagara, Bidadi and Kengeri just as Chamundi Express had. On its return journey, the train leaves KSR Bengaluru at 6.15 pm and reaches Mysuru at 9.05 pm.

But even a week after its introduction, the train, which has 14 coaches with a seating capacity of 1,600, is far from running to its full passenger capacity as only 150 commuters (one side) are travelling by it so far. Though the fare (Rs.80) is cheaper when compared to other modes of transport, the passengers seem to be scary about travelling to Bengaluru as the capital city has become a COVID-19 hotspot.

Prior to the lockdown, thousands of commuters used to travel in Chamundi Express, which had become the most popular train for travel between the two cities, mainly because of its timings and passenger convenience. After a gap of two months, the SWR resumed train service (MEMU) on May 22 between Bengaluru and Mysuru following conditional relaxation of lockdown curbs. This train then used to start from Bengaluru at 9.20 am and reach Mysuru at 12.30 pm. On its return journey, the train used to leave Mysuru at 1.45 pm to reach Bengaluru at 5 pm.

But weeks later, bowing to the demands of the passengers, who had urged for altering the timings, the SWR started the special train from Mysuru on June 22. Although the timing and running schedule of this special train is very much similar to the popular Chamundi Express train of the pre-lockdown days, the ridership has turned out to be poor as people seem to be scared.

Two COVID-19-infected women deliver healthy babies

The team of doctors and hospital staff who assisted in delivering healthy babies.

Mysuru, June 28 (MTY&KS)- It was joy amidst pandemic for two women infected with COVID-19 as they gave birth to healthy babies — a boy and a girl — at the Jayalakshmipuram Maternity Hospital in city.

The women, hailing from Bannur and K.R. Nagar, gave birth through normal and Cesarean section. While one delivered yesterday at 11.30 pm, another delivered today at 2.30 am.

In total in the district, three women, who had tested positive for COVID-19, have given birth with the first birth reported on June 20.

Gynaecologists from Cheluvamba Hospital, Anaesthetics, Paediatricians, Staff Nurses and Group-D employees assisted in delivering the healthy babies. The mothers and the babies are healthy and are being given special care at the hospital.

Aadhaar Seva Kendra open from tomorrow

Mysuru, June 28- Aadhaar Seva Kendra, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, will reopen from tomorrow (June 29) as per the instruction from the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar. For appointments, kindly book through https://ask2.uidai.gov.in

People who had booked for earlier dates are requested to reschedule their appointments. Only people with valid appointments will be entertained and are asked to take with them the original supporting documents for enrolment or update.

54 containment zones declared in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 28- The Mysuru District Administration has declared over 54 containment zones in Mysuru district to curb the spread of COVID-19 virus. The containment zones are spread across Mysuru city, Taluk, Nanjangud, T. Narasipur, Hunsur and Periyapatna Taluks.

The Zones have been declared based on confirmed Coronavirus positive cases. The Zones will remain out of bounds for 28 days. After the completion of 28 days, the barricades will be removed and there will be free movement. The following are the containment zones in Mysuru:

1.	7th Cross, G Block, Ramakrishnanagar, Ward 58, Mysuru
2.	Hosa Penjahalli Village, Hunsur Taluk
3.	Neelakantanagar, Nanjangud town
4.	Mansara Road, Ittigegud, Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysuru
5.	Muslim Block, Ward 19, K.R. Nagar Town
6.	Ramaswamy Badavane, Nanjangud Taluk
7.	Kittur Rani Chennamma Residential School, Hura, Nanjangud Taluk
8.	4th Cross, T.K. Layout, Ward No. 45, Mysuru
9.	5th Cross, RP Road, Nanjangud Town
10.	Police Quarters, Nanjangud Town
11.	JSS College Road, Hullahalli, Nanjangud Taluk
12.	First Stage Vijayanagar, Mysuru
13.	Second Stage Srirampura, Mysuru
14.	Note Mudran Nagar, RBI Mysuru
15.	SKP Agrahara, Sosale Hobli, T. Narasipur Taluk
16.	BEML Township, Hinkal Mysuru
17.	Gokulam Third Stage, Mysuru
18.	Krishna Vilasa Road, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru
19.	Fourth Main Road, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru
20.	Rammanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru
21.	Hura Village Nanjangud Taluk
22.	Third Stage, J Block, Dattagalli, Mysuru
23.	RBI, A11, CISF, Mysuru
24.	Kothwal Ramaiah Road, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru
25.	Srirampura Second Stage, Mysuru
26.	J.C. Nagar, Chamundi Hill Road, Nazarbad, Mysuru
27.	Vinobha Road, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru
28.	Lakshmikanthanagar, Hebbal First Stage, Mysuru
29.	Bidara Krishnappa Road, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru
30.	Vijayanagar Railway Layout, 6th Cross Road, Mysuru
31.	Ward 46, Third Stage, Dattagalli, Mysuru
32.	Third Cross, Nazarbad Mohalla Mysuru
33.	Cinema Road, Rajaji Colony, Nanjangud Town
34.	Third Stage, Dattagalli Ward 46, Mysuru
35.	KHB Colony, Udayagiri Ward 14, Mysuru
36.	Akbar Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru
37.	Kuruburu Village Mooguru Hobli, T. Narasipur Taluk
38.	Rajivnagar, Ward 10, Mysuru
39.	Jalapuri Quarters, Gayathripuram, Mysuru
40.	Sharadadevinagar, Ward 45, Mysuru
41.	Town Police Station, Nanjangud Town
42.	VKC Company, Deboor, Nanjangud
43.	Neelakantanagar, Nanjangud Town
44.	Bevinakere Street, Chamalapurahundi, Nanjangud Town
45.	Bismilanagara, Bannur Town
46.	Neelakantanagar, Nanjangud Town
47.	Alanahalli (Venkateshwara Nagar) Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk
48.	Maradiyuru Village, Haranahalli Hobli, Periyapatna Taluk
49.	Chikkamaravalli Village, Haranahalli Hobli, Periyapatna Taluk
50.	Goutham Block, Thapovana Enclave, V.V. Nagar, Mysuru
51.	Shanthinagar, near Rajiv Gandhi School, Mysuru
52.	Oil Mill Road, back of Shanthala Theatre, K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru
53.	Jayaram Pandit Road, Shivarampet, Mysuru
54.	Madhuvinahalli, K.R. Nagar Taluk

ASHA workers seek fulfilment of demands

- To stage demonstration in city on June 30
- Threaten to stop work from July 10

Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha District President Shubha Mangala addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning as Sangha office-bearer Suneetha, AIUTUC District Secretary Chandrasekhar Meti and Sangha office-bearer Bhagya look on.

Mysuru, June 28 (PM&DM)- Urging the Government to fulfil their demand for payment of Rs. 12,000 as monthly wages and timely distribution of PPE kits to all of them, ASHA workers, under the banner of AIUTUC-affiliated Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha, will stage a State-wide demonstration on June 30.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, AIUTUC District Secretary Chandrasekhar Meti said that ASHA workers, who are among the frontline warriors in the battle against the deadly Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, are being paid a paltry monthly honorarium of Rs. 4,000.

"Though several representations have been made to the Health Department and the Government seeking scrapping of the monthly honorarium system and introduce a monthly wage system wherein every ASHA worker will get minimum wages of Rs. 12,000, the appeals have fallen on deaf ears. As such, the ASHA workers are forced to stage a State-wide stir on June 30 seeking fulfilment of their demands which chiefly include payment of Rs. 12,000 as wages, distribution of PPE kits and other protective gears such as face shield, face masks, hand gloves and sanitizers, regular testing for COVID-19 symptoms and free treatment to those found COVID-19 positive," he said.

He also warned of staging an indefinite stir by stopping work completely from July 10 if the Government fails to fulfil their demands by then.

Animals adopted at City Zoo

Mysuru, June 28- The following individuals and institution have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee:

V. Poornima, Bengaluru - Mandarin Duck, Star Tortoise and Common Rat Snake - Rs. 5,000; Suchith Raghu Rao Bengaluru - Spotted Deer (Female) - Rs. 7,500; K.B. Boregowda, Bengaluru - White Peacock - Rs. 3,500; Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Ltd., Mysuru - 2 Asiatic Elephants, 1 Asiatic Lion, 1 Bengal Tiger, 2 Giraffes, 2 Zebras, 1 Chimpanzee and 1 Southern White Rhinoceros - Rs. 10 lakh, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Online talk on Civil Service Exams

Mysuru, June 28- GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College, Mysuru, has organised an online talk on 'Challenges and Opportunities in Civil Service Exams' by Parshwanath Palabhavi, Director, PACE Institute, Dharwad, tomorrow (June 29) at 11 am on Google Meet platform, according to a press release.

Obituary

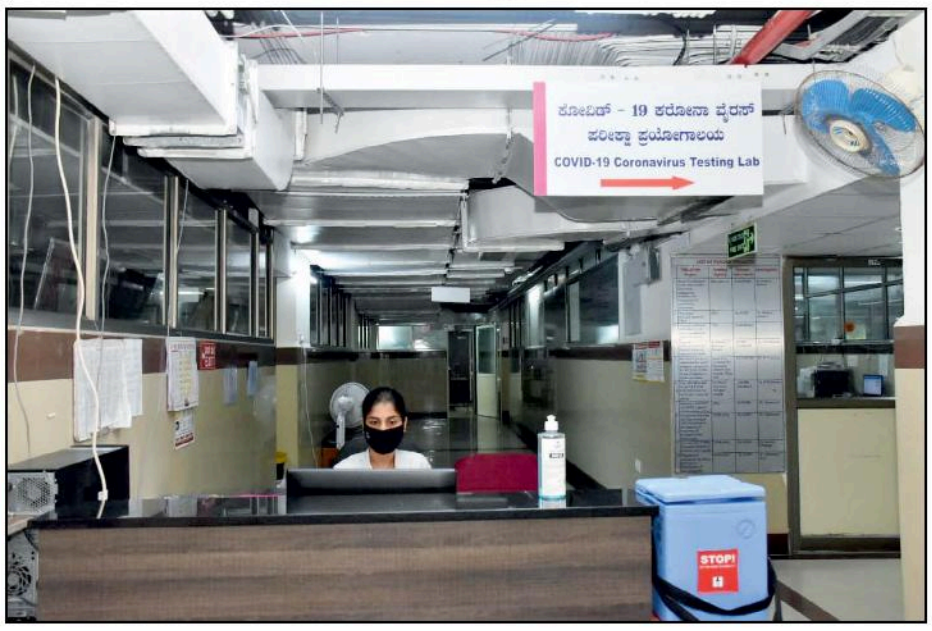
Ahmed Khan Amari

Mysuru, June 28- Ahmed Khan Amari (70), President of Masjid-e-Azam Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath on Ashoka Road and a resident of Ashoka Road, passed away at his residence last evening.

He leaves behind four sons, three daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed today at Masjid-e-Azam after Zohar prayers followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to sources.

Mysuru's first COVID-19 private testing lab at JSS



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The Testing Lab is equipped with necessary machines. People, who are suffering from fever, cough, cold and any other symptoms, can get tested at this centre. Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal of JSS Medical College told 'Star of Mysore' this morning that to contain the spread of the deadly virus, more testing of samples is required. "To reduce the burden on Government laboratories, JSS has established this laboratory at cost of Rs. 30 lakh," he said.

"To set up this laboratory we had to get machines from New Delhi and approval from NABL which took almost a week to 10 days. In addition, Indian Council of Medical Research accreditation took nearly one month," he said.

On the handling capacity of the new laboratory, he said that every day, over 90 samples can be tested and over 2,700-3,000 samples can be tested in a month. As it is a private laboratory, patients have to pay for getting tested. "Sample testing is charged at Rs.4,000 to Rs.4,500 and if the tests are referred by the Government, it will be Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 2,500. Reports will be available within 24 hours of taking the samples," Dr. Basavana Gowdappa said.

Chief Minister and Health Minister and Medical Education Minister had asked all Medical Colleges to set up such laboratories across the State and by taking all necessary accreditations. As such, JSS started this laboratory. "Over 10 staff has been trained to handle the laboratory and ENT post-graduate students are also part of sample collection. Our students were part of the team that tested 1,300 samples in Nanjangud after Nanjangud Jubilant Generics Cluster Case emerged," Dr. Basavana Gowdappa revealed.

Speaking about the online inauguration, he said: "The Centre will be inaugurated online by CM Yediyurappa from Bengaluru between 10.30 am and 11 am. Health Minister B. Sriramulu, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar will also be present. Here at the laboratory, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and G.T. Devegowda, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and DHO Venkatesh will be physically present during the launch. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and MP Pratap Simha will be online during the launch."

Stricter night curfew in city

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The decision to this effect was taken at a meeting chaired by Yediyurappa with the Ministers and officials amid growing opposition outcry to impose stringent lockdown to contain COVID-19 cases in the State.

Speaking to Star of Mysore this morning, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said that barring essential services like medicines and hospitals no shop including street vending of food will be permitted after 8 pm from tomorrow.

"Police will intensify patrolling and if the rules are not followed, barricades will be placed on the roads and Policemen will be posted to prevent unwanted entry or exit," he said.

Public announcement through Police vehicles will be made on all roads by 7.30 pm asking the shops to close by 8 pm. "All Police Station Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Garuda and PCR vehicles will be asked to intensify patrolling in their jurisdictional areas. Cases will be booked against erring shops and people who loiter around," he said.

All activities including hotels, street food and other allied services will be closed and businessmen have to wind up by 8 pm. Only people displaying valid identity cards on their purpose of visit will be allowed to move about, the DCP added.

Those who eyed Indian territory in Ladakh got befitting reply: PM

Narendra Modi

New Delhi, June 28 (UNI)- India has given a befitting response to those who dared to eye her territory in Ladakh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this morning, referring to the clash with Chinese troops in Galwan Valley on June 15 in which 20 soldiers were killed in action.

In this context, he also spoke of the economic backlash against China, mentioning how people have decided to boycott Chinese goods and how it will contribute to an Atma Nirbhar Bharat (Self Reliant India).

"Those who eyed Indian land in Ladakh have received a befitting response," the Prime Minister said in his monthly radio address Mann ki Baat. "If India knows how to maintain friendship, it can also confront someone and give an adequate response. Our brave soldiers made it clear that they will not allow anyone to taint the honour of Mother India," he added, referring to the clash in which 20 Indian soldiers were killed in the line of duty.

"India bows to our brave martyrs. They've always kept India safe, valour will always be remembered," the Prime Minister said. "As compared to lockdown, we need to be even more careful now during Unlock. If you don't wear masks, follow social distancing & other precautions, you put yourself as well as others at risk. I appeal to all countrymen to not be careless," PM Modi said.

SPREADING AWARENESS: ***Artists seen painting a wall near the Government Guest House in Nazarbad creating awareness among SSLC students who are writing their exams. The message urges students to take precautions and at the same time face the examinations and Coronavirus boldly.***

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